# IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

| IN RE; NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE PLAYERS' CONCUSSION INJURY LITIGATION, | )      | No. 2:12-md-02323 – AB                       |
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| TLATERS CONCUSSION INJURY LITIGATION,                                  | )<br>) | MDL NO. 2323                                 |
| Second Amended Master Administrative Long-                             | )<br>) | SHORT FORM COMPLAINT                         |
| Form Complaint Against Riddell Defendants and (if applicable)          | )      | IN RE: NATIONAL FOOTBALL                     |
| Vernon Maxwell, et al.  v. National Football League [et al.],          | )      | LEAGUE PLAYERS' CONCUSSION INJURY LITIGATION |
| No. 2:12-cv-01023-AB   | )<br>) | JURY TRIAL DEMANDED                          |

### SHORT FORM COMPLAINT AGAINST RIDDELL DEFENDANTS

- 1. Plaintiff(s) <u>George Goeddeke</u> (and, if applicable (Plaintiff's Spouse) <u>Geneva</u>

  <u>Goeddeke</u> bring(s) this civil action as a related action in the matter entitled IN RE:

  NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE PLAYERS' CONCUSSION INJURY LITIGATION,

  MDL No. 2323.
- 2. Plaintiff(s) are filing this Short Form Complaint against Riddell Defendants as required by this Court's Case Management Order ECF No. 7709, filed May 18, 2017.
- 3. Plaintiff (and, if applicable, Plaintiff's Spouse) continue to maintain claims against Riddell Defendants after a Class Action Settlement was entered into between the NFL Defendants and certain Plaintiffs.
- 4. Plaintiff (and, if applicable, Plaintiff's Spouse) incorporate by reference the allegations (as designated below) of the Second Amended Master Administrative Long-Form

Complaint Against Riddell Defendants, as is fully set forth at length in this Short Form Complaint. However, Plaintiff denies that there is federal subject matter jurisdiction over this action.

|      | 5.       | Plaintiff is filing this case in a representative capacity as the           |
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|      |          | of having been duly appointed as  |
| the  |          | by the Court of   |
|      | 6.       | Plaintiff, George Goeddeke is a resident and citizen of Michigan and claims |
| dama | ges as s | set forth below.  |

- 7. Plaintiff's Spouse, <u>Geneva Goeddeke</u>, is a resident and citizen of <u>Michigan</u>, and claims damages as a result of loss of consortium proximately caused by the harm suffered by her Plaintiff husband.
- 8. Upon information and belief, the Plaintiff sustained repetitive, traumatic subconcussive and/or concussive head impacts during NFL games and/or practices. Upon information and belief, Plaintiff suffers from symptoms of brain injury caused by the repetitive, traumatic sub-concussive and/or concussive head impacts the Plaintiff sustained during NFL games and/or practices. Upon information and belief, the Plaintiff's symptoms arise from injuries that are latent and have developed and continue to develop over time.
- 9. The original complaint by Plaintiffs in this matter was filed in the Superior Court of the State of California, County of Los Angeles on <u>July 19, 2011</u>. If the case is remanded, it should be remanded to the Superior Court of the State of California, County of Los Angeles.
  - 10. Plaintiffs claim damages as a result of [check all that apply]:

| $\boxtimes$  | Injury to Herself/Himself   |  |  |  |
|--|---|--|--|--|
|  | Injury to the Person Represented  |  |  |  |
|  | Wrongful Death  |  |  |  |
|  | Survivorship Action   |  |  |  |
| ×  | Economic Loss   |  |  |  |
| 11. Pla  | intiff (and Plaintiff's Spouse) bring this case against the following                       |  |  |  |
| Defendants in this action [check all that apply]:  |   |  |  |  |
|  | Riddell, Inc.   |  |  |  |
| $\boxtimes$  | Riddell Sports Group, Inc.  |  |  |  |
| $\boxtimes$  | All American Sports Corp.   |  |  |  |
|  | BRG Sports, Inc., f/k/a Easton-Bell Sports, Inc.  |  |  |  |
|  | BRG Sports, LLC f/k/a Easton Bell Sports, LLC   |  |  |  |
|  | EB Sports Corp.   |  |  |  |
|  | BRG Sports Holdings Corp., f/k/a RBG Holdings Corp.   |  |  |  |
| 12. Th   | e Plaintiff wore one or more helmets designed and/or manufactured by the                    |  |  |  |
| Riddell Defendants during one or more years Plaintiff played in the NFL and/or AFL.      |   |  |  |  |
| 13. Pla  | intiff played in $\boxtimes$ the National Football League ("NFL") and/or in $\boxtimes$ the |  |  |  |
| American Football League ("AFL") during the following period of time 1967 - 1974 for the |   |  |  |  |

## Denver Broncos.

following teams:

14. Plaintiff retired from playing professional football after the <u>1974</u> season.

# **CAUSES OF ACTION**

| 15.   | Plair       | ntiffs herein adopt by reference the following Counts of the Second  |  |  |
|---|-------------|--|--|--|
| Amended Master  | Adr         | ministrative Long-Form Complaint, along with the factual allegations |  |  |
| incorporated by reference in those Counts [check all that apply]: |             |  |  |  |
|   | $\boxtimes$ | Count I (Negligence)   |  |  |
|   |             | Count II (Negligent Marketing)                                       |  |  |
|   |             | Count III (Negligent Misrepresentation)                              |  |  |
|   |             | Count IV (Fraud)   |  |  |
|   | $\boxtimes$ | Count V (Strict Liability/Design Defect)                             |  |  |
|   | $\boxtimes$ | Count VI (Failure to Warn)   |  |  |
|   |             | Count VII (Breach of Implied Warranty)                               |  |  |
|   |             | Count VIII (Civil Conspiracy)  |  |  |
|   |             | Count IX (Fraudulent Concealment)                                    |  |  |
|   |             | Count X (Wrongful Death)   |  |  |
|   |             | Count XI (Survival Action)   |  |  |
|   | $\boxtimes$ | Count XII (Loss of Consortium)                                       |  |  |
|   | $\boxtimes$ | Count XIII (Punitive Damages under All Claims)                       |  |  |

☐ Count XIV (Declaratory Relief: Punitive Damages)

#### **PRAYER FOR RELIEF**

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff (and, if applicable Plaintiff's Spouse) pray for judgment as follows:

- A. An award of compensatory damages, the amount of which will be determined at trial;
- B. An award of economic damages in the form of medical expenses, out of pocket expenses, lost earnings and other economic damages in an amount to be determined at trial;
- C. For punitive and exemplary damages as applicable;
- D. For all applicable statutory damages of the state whose laws will govern this action;
- E. For loss of consortium as applicable;
- F. For declaratory relief as applicable;
- G. For an award of attorneys' fees and costs;
- H. An award of prejudgment interest and costs of suit; and
- I. An award of such other and further relief as the Court deems just and proper.

### JURY TRIAL DEMAND

Pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 38, Plaintiffs hereby demand a trial by jury on all issues so triable.

Dated: October 25, 2017 Respectfully submitted,

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